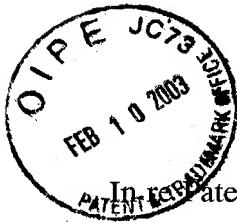


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In re Patent Application of)
Keiko SAKAKIBARA et al) Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/673,300) Examiner: Juliet Einsmann
Filed: October 16, 2000) Confirmation No.: 5308
For: GENES ENCODING PROTEINS) **BOX AF**
HAVING ACTIVITY OF)
TRANSFERRING SUGAR ONTO)
AURONES)

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly delete claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10 and 17-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly replace claims 2 and 13-16 as follows.

2. (Twice Amended) A gene encoding a protein that has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, and that has an activity of transferring a glycosyl group to aurones.

16. (Amended) A cut flower of the plant according to claim 15, or a progeny of said plant having the activity of transferring a glycosyl group to aurones.